

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendment prior to the prosecution of the application.

This Preliminary Amendment puts the claims into proper form for examination. Note that claims 3-6 and 8-15 have been amended; new claims 16-21 have been added; and original claims 1-2 and 7 remain unchanged. Kindly calculate the filing fee based on the amended claims.

This Application contains a translation of the abstract as it was when originally filed by the Applicant. No account has been taken of any changes that may have been made subsequently by the PCT Authorities acting ex officio., e.g., under PCT Rules.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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